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VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : ஐயா, சொந்தமாகப் பசுக்கள் வைத்திருப்பவர்களுக்குக் கூட இதில் இடம் உண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : சொந்தமாகப் பசுக்கள் வைத்திருப்பவர்கள் வேண்டுமென்றால் இதில் இடம் பிடித்துக்கொள்ளலாம்.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : செண்ட்ரல் டெய்ரித் திட்டத்திற்கு நியூஜீலாந்திலிருந்து உதவி வந்திருக்கிறதா ? எவ்வளவு ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : 29 லட்சத்துச் சில்லரை உதவித் தொகையாகக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள்.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : In the Aarey Colony I understand pure milk is mixed with milk powder and sold. Is there any proposal here to sell such milk or will only pure milk be distributed from this Colony?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Toned milk is different from pure milk. 'டோண்டு மில்க்'குக்கு 'மில்க் பாக்டரி' இருக்கிறது. இங்கு 'ப்யூர் மில்க்' கொடுப்பதாகத்தான் உத்தேசம். ஒரு சில பசுக்களை வைத்துக்கொண்டு எருமை மாட்டுப் பாலைச் சேர்த்துக் கொடுக்கப் படுகிறது. பசும்பால் தனியாகக் கொடுக்கலாம் என்ற உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறது.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : When we went there, we were told that pure milk was mixed with milk powder. That is why I raised that question.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know much about what exactly is being done in that Colony.

Second Five-Year Plan

* 37 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any cuts have been effected in the outlay relating to this State in the Second Five-Year Plan ; and

(*b*) if so, the schemes affected thereby?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : As it was stated in the Governor's Address that we would be utilising the full allotment under the Second Five-Year Plan, will the State Government press upon the Central Government the need for more funds so that we may take up all those schemes which we originally included in the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : All the schemes included in the Second Five-Year Plan would be implemented and for that purpose, we would be spending the entire allotment and perhaps a little more.

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I ask whether the Government of Madras thought of some special schemes in the State and whether for lack of funds and because of the fact that their inclusion in the Plan would exceed the amount allotted to the State, they were not able to put through those schemes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There are ever so many schemes available and if only funds are also available, they could be taken up. But the allotment is limited to Rs. 152 crores and, as hon. Members are aware, the cost of the schemes also has gone up to a certain extent. Taking all that into account, we may be spending a little more than Rs. 150 crores.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether the allocation of funds by the Central Government is made on the basis of population or on considerations of industrial backwardness and other things?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : All aspects have been taken into consideration in addition to the resources available in each State.

Conference of Food Ministers.

* 38 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Conference of Food Ministers of States was held recently at Delhi on 7th November 1958 to discuss the steps to be taken to reduce the price of rice;

(*b*) if so, the decision arrived at ; and

(*c*) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the price of rice in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) This Government suggested a limited scheme of procurement and distribution through fair price shops for consideration at the meeting. But it was reported by the Union Minister for Food and Agriculture that a proposal of this type was already receiving the attention of the Government of India. Subsequently, the National Development Council has decided that trading in foodgrains should be taken over by the State Governments. The details of this scheme are being worked out. Meanwhile, with the concurrence of the Government of India, this Government have decided to procure tentatively two lakhs of tons of rice from the main harvest for distribution through fair price shops, whenever necessary. The Government of India have also since notified the maximum wholesale prices for paddy and rice in this State.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know the quantity so far procured by the Government and whether the procurement was made at the price stipulated by the Government?